

HR MacMillan Fund – Clergy Grants Policy
VANCOUVER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY
H.R. MACMILLAN FUND COMMITTEE

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Purpose: To establish a program of research, scholarship and training and in particular to afford members of the teaching staff of Vancouver School of Theology opportunity for advanced study in larger centers. To establish fellowships in order to attract the services of visiting lecturers expert in their field, to offer post graduate courses, to afford opportunity for studies abroad for those showing competence in special fields, to offer short term refresher courses for the Clergy through the Province of British Columbia and to undertake such other projects of a similar nature as the governing body of Vancouver School of Theology may decide upon from time to time, it being the wish of the donor that in the advanced studies and training undertaken hereunder there shall be the greatest degree of cooperation with other denominations, including exchange of personnel, results of research and of study.

- The H.R. MacMillan Fund Committee will review applications four times per fiscal year (May – April). **Application deadlines: July 1, Oct 1, Jan 1 and April 1** (or the following Monday if these dates fall on a weekend or a holiday)
- Grants will only be considered for clergy in good standing with their respective denominational affiliation.
- Grants shall not be made for a course already completed by the applicant.
- Priority will be given to applicants continuing their education at Vancouver School of Theology.
- Requests from lay applicants will not be considered.
- Requests from applicants outside of British Columbia for non-VST courses will not be considered.
- Grants to applicants for continuing education courses will be restricted to a maximum of \$350 per fiscal year (May – April).
- Retired Clergy will not normally be supported. Retiring Clergy exercising accountable ministry may apply to the fund for programs related to the exercise of ministry.
- Clergy on Leave of Absence will not normally be supported.
- Support for Clinical Pastoral Education applicants only after they have supported themselves through the first two units.
- For Students residing in B.C. and registered in a VST degree or diploma program: all full-time and part-time students are eligible to apply for a 50% tuition credit based on credit hours taken, up to the maximum number of required course credit hours to complete the program in which they are registered. Awards are made based on demonstrated financial need. Awards for full-time and part-time DMin and PhD students are given up to a maximum tuition paid and maintenance fees paid to complete their program, and up to a maximum of \$3000.00 per year. Students registered in D.Min. or Ph.D. programs at other institutions are eligible for H.R. MacMillan grants in the amount of \$350.